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After careful review of the proposed rule and its implications, I would like to commend the Commission for its efforts to accommodate individuals with disabilities, and similarly for its effort to utilize emerging technology for the greater good of the nation.

For an individual with a speech or hearing impairment, not having direct access to a TTY machine in the event of an emergency may be a life threatening disparity. The Federal Communications Commission and Congress should take advantage of the capabilities that these individuals do have and establish a system in the short term that addresses the needs of those who are disabled. Developing a system for this small sect of the public could serve as not only a solution to the disparity in access to

emergency services, but as a pilot study that's implications could lead to effective reforms for the public as a whole.

With regards to the economic feasibility of the text-to-911 initiative, I believe a small increase in cell phone payments, on the scale of \$0.20 per month per cell phone, is a reasonable price to charge consumers for the service. Ultimately, I believe that consumers would be willing to pay a mere \$2.40 extra per year for the peace of mind that comes with the service's benefits. Other economic options the Commission should consider include: "apps" for smartphones and contracting with software companies who could potentially provide a legitimate and sustainable system. By doing so, the government's scientists would face less of a burden and potentially hesitant cell phone providers would face less pressure to invest capital in an uncertain market.